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September 14, 2006

Doug Bosco, Board Chair  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

RE: Humboldt Bay Water Trails Program, Phase I

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to express my strongest support for the Humboldt Bay Water Trails Program, Phase I (Project) being proposed by the Redwood Community Action Agency for funding consideration by the Conservancy.

Humboldt Bay is one of the North Coast region's premier coastal recreational assets that deserves to be developed to its' full potential. The Bay provides users of Kayak, canoe and other non motorized craft with a wonderful estuarine environment that is unparalleled on our extensive California coast line.

Support from the Conservancy for Phase I of the Project will allow this incredible resource to continue in the direction of increasing recreational access and usage in a safe and convenient manner.

I have frequently kayaked on Humboldt Bay and am a strong supporter of the expanded recreational use of this beautiful coastal resource.

I urge the California Coastal Conservancy to support the Humboldt Bay Water Trails Program, Phase I.

Thank you. Please contact my Eureka District Office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

  
WESLEY CHESBRO  
State Senator, Second District

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August 28, 2006

Mr. Doug Bosco, Board Chairman  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

RE: Humboldt Bay Water Trails Program, Phase I

Dear Conservancy Staff and Board Members:

I am writing to ask for your support of Redwood Community Action Agency's proposal to develop Phase I of the Humboldt Bay Water Trails Program.

The City of Eureka has long supported recreational trails systems, and we are currently working on a number of trail projects in our city including a waterfront trail system and regional connections with other communities. A water trail program will enhance our program by enabling improved kayak and canoe access to Humboldt Bay, and can include a bay-wide focus on safe, convenient access, and stewardship of our natural resources.

Currently, with the exception of one remote dock and a temporary dock in Eureka, paddlers do not have clear, safe and convenient means to access Humboldt Bay. Lacking accessible safety information about paddling on the bay, unwary or inexperienced paddlers can be easily overwhelmed by wind, tidal fluctuations and rapidly moving currents, jeopardizing their safety and the safety of others. In addition, in some cases the current conditions result in trespassing on private property, damage to sensitive habitats and/or disturbance of wildlife.

Further, protection of sensitive habitats and wildlife can be managed more effectively with informed boaters and recommended water routes. Recommended water routes will help reduce conflicts between paddlers and commercial shipping traffic. In addition, the proposed interpretive signage and 'Map & Guide' will not only help educate paddle-boaters and other users, but also encourage more people to get out and enjoy the diversity Humboldt Bay has to offer.

RCAA can count on the City of Eureka's participation and support to help identify and develop much needed paddle-improvements around Humboldt Bay. We appreciate your consideration of assistance to improve paddling access to and information about Humboldt Bay.

Sincerely,

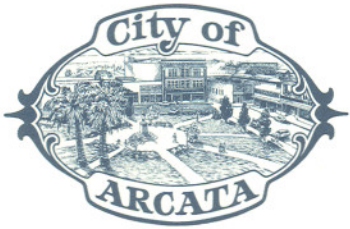
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State Coastal Conservancy  
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Oakland, CA 94612-2530

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Dear Mr. Bosco:

On behalf of the City of Arcata, I am writing to ask for your support of Redwood Community Action Agency's proposal to develop Phase I of the Humboldt Bay Water Trails Program.

The City of Arcata is home to the 307-acre Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary. Located at the north end of Humboldt Bay, 225-acres of the sanctuary are open to the public. Development of the Humboldt Bay Water Trails Program would provide a new dimension of recreational activities by improving kayak and canoe access and offer birders new vantage points from which to bird watch. The proposed interpretive signage and 'Map & Guide' will not only help educate paddle-boaters and other users, but also encourage more people to get out and enjoy the diversity Humboldt Bay has to offer. Highlighting Humboldt Bay as a destination for remarkable paddling experiences and great avian — there are over 250 species of birds at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary — and wildlife viewing is an opportunity to attract more visitors to the area.

Currently, with the exception of one remote dock and a temporary dock in Eureka, paddlers do not have clear, safe and convenient means to access Humboldt Bay. Lacking accessible safety information about paddling on the bay, unwary or inexperienced paddlers can be easily overwhelmed by wind, tidal fluctuations and rapidly moving currents, jeopardizing their safety and the safety of others. In addition, in some cases the current conditions result in trespassing on private property, damage to sensitive habitats and/or disturbance of wildlife.

Redwood Community Action Agency can rely on City of Arcata participation and support to help identify and develop much needed paddle-improvements around Humboldt Bay . (In particular, via workshop participation, input, cost-shares and/or staff support).

Sincerely,

*Mark S. Andre*  
MARK S. ANDRE

Director  
Environmental Services Department



## **EXPLORE NORTH COAST**

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*Explore North Coast is an association of paddlers that holds regular paddling events, promotes paddling safety and education, and encourages stewardship of and improvements to, bay and coastal access on the North Coast.*

August 23, 2006

*Karen Dean*

State Coastal Conservancy

1330 Broadway, 11th Floor

Oakland, CA 94612-2530

RE: Humboldt Bay Water Trails Program, Phase I

Dear Conservancy Staff and Board Members:

Explore North Coast (ENC) is a non-profit sea kayakers association that holds regular meetings and paddling events, encourages paddling safety and education, and promotes improvements to the bay and coastal access on the North Coast. Our members participate in all forms of sea kayaking including touring, surf-kayaking, and recreational kayaking. It is because of our deep commitment to the beautiful north coast that we are taking this opportunity to write to ask for your support of Redwood Community Action Agency's proposal to develop Phase I of the Humboldt Bay Water Trails Program.

Members of Explore North Coast can frequently be found exploring Humboldt Bay and its many sloughs. We are intimately familiar with issues of access, signage, and safety on the Bay. We believe that Humboldt County has a unique opportunity to enhance this resource for the benefit of local boaters and also to increase tourism as an economic resource through the development of safe and convenient access, while promoting stewardship of our natural resources. Highlighting Humboldt Bay as a destination for remarkable paddling experiences and unique avian and wildlife viewing is an opportunity to attract more visitors to the area.

A recent site survey performed by members of ENC found that most areas designated as appropriate access for recreational kayak use are lacking in adequate signage (including both information about the area and safety considerations). Lacking accessible safety information about paddling on the bay, unwary or inexperienced paddlers can easily be overwhelmed by wind, tidal fluctuations and rapidly moving currents, jeopardizing their safety and the safety of others. Many sites also have inadequate and/or unsafe docking amenities.



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ENC supports the efforts of RCAA's Humboldt Bay Water Trails Implementation Program-Phase I. We are very interested in and committed to helping RCAA identify the much needed paddle and safety improvements around Humboldt Bay. Members of ENC are available for workshop participation and needed input to classify and prioritize access issues, as well as for staff support and contributing to the cost of improvements. .

We would appreciate your support of improving access to and information about Humboldt Bay for paddlers.

Very truly yours,

  
Steve Smith  
President

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I am the Director of Center Activities at Humboldt State University in Arcata, California. This organization and the University as a whole have a long history of using Humboldt Bay for various water activities.

Currently, a new facility is being constructed in Eureka that could be a critical link in the water trail concept. The BISC (Boating Instruction and Safety Center) is a 16,000 square foot facility that is located on the bay in Eureka. This over 4 million dollar project is funded by the California Department of Boating and Waterways with support from the City of Eureka. The purpose for this facility is to provide a venue to house a variety of activities including boating safety courses, paddle sport instruction, and bay access. I would anticipate the Humboldt Bay Water Trail would be a positive development for the BISC and visa versa.

RCAA can count on our participation and support as the water trail is developed around Humboldt Bay.

We appreciate your consideration of assistance to improve paddling access to and information about Humboldt Bay.

Sincerely,

Dave Nakamura  
Director HSU Center Activities

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